

Fifty-Seventh Student Senate
2nd Meeting Agenda
May 22th, 2025

- € **Call to Order**
 - 6:01 pm
- € **Roll Call and Verification of Quorum**
 - Quorum: 47/58
 - Present and Voting:
 - ☐ Senatar Kapinos; 6:10 pm
 - ☐ Senatar Greene; 6:10 pm
 - ☐ Senatar Jolicoeur; 6:13 pm
- € **Land Acknowledgement**
- € **Approval of the Minutes – [05/15/2025](#); Approved by GC**
- € **Approval of the Agenda – [05/22/2025](#); Approved by GC**
- € **Open Forum**
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- € **Announcements from the Student Body President (Luci Blanco, sga_pres@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening, everyone. Hope you all had a great week! This Tuesday, Jarib and I had a meeting with Dr. Yee, a professor and director of the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning. In this, we discussed his work developing resources for faculty related to AI Fluency and how to use generative AI. Today, I completed my comprehensive Board of Trustees training in preparation for my first meeting on June 11th and 12th.
- € **Announcements from the Student Body Vice President (Jarib Benitez, sga_vp@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening, Senate. This week, Luci and I hopped on a Teams call with Texas Tech University. They'll be in Orlando this July and reached out to coordinate UCF x TTU Day. They're really excited to learn more about how we operate our Student Government, so we're looking forward to showing them around on July 10th. We also opened applications for our Graphic Design Coordinator position, as well as for the Election Commission seats. All applications close next Thursday, so please continue to help spread the word! In addition, I've started planning what ADSPB will look like this year. There's currently a Senator at Large position open. If you're interested, please reach out to Kirsten or me and we'll go from there. Lastly, good luck to all of tonight's appointees during confirmations.
- € **Comptroller's Report (Kylie Cimillo, sga_comp@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening, everyone!!
 - Tonight is a bittersweet one for me, as it may be my final night serving as your Comptroller. As many of you know, I started this journey as a freshman program wanting to explore the opportunities student government had at ucf—eager, unsure, but always passionate about making a difference i joined SGLC. I then went into SLC to in hopes become a senator and serve my college which i did. doing so i served during the 55th and 56th session and held leadership positions. in turn i was awarded the opportunity to step into the role of Comptroller which has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I've learned so much, grown in ways I never expected, and most importantly, had the privilege of serving alongside all of you.
 - As we prepare to welcome (hopefully) our new Comptroller tonight, I just want to say thank you—for trusting me, for challenging me, and for supporting me through it all. While my time in this position may be ending, I'm not going anywhere. I'll always be just a call or text away if you ever have questions, concerns, or just need someone to talk to. You're never alone in this work.
 - And of course... they don't call me the Fiscal Queen for nothing—so if you ever need budget wisdom, you know who to call. 727-656-4578
 - Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.
 - FAO: \$5,301.20; Reversion of 4.43%
 - CRT: \$706.26; Reversion of 3.86%
- € **Attorney General's Report (Vacant, sga_ag@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- € **Cabinet Forum**
 - None
- € **Announcements from the Interim Chief Justice (Bella Pazera, sga_cjus@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening, Senate. The Judicial Branch has finally slowed down in our SCAI case requests and with that, completed an upward of 17 cases in the past two weeks between 5 justices. A huge shoutout to all our justices for handling the unexpected load during our transition period.
 - Seeing that we do have many new senators starting this session, I would like to talk a little bit about our branch. The Judicial Council is made up of 14 seats, #1-7 opening every odd year (this year), #8-14 opening every even year (next year). There are three leadership positions, the Chief Justice and two assistants: Internal and External, which are in charge of SGLC and JLC programs. Besides leadership, we are made up of 5 different committees, which are our working bodies; Internal Rules Committee (IRC), Precedent Committee, Judicial Outreach Committee (JOC), Judicial Advertisement and Marketing Committee (JAM), and lastly Judicial Experience Committee (JEC). All information about our council is on the UCF SG website, alongside our governing documents.
 - Lastly, best of luck to all the appointees going through confirmation today.
- € **Announcements from the Supervisor of Elections (Luke Brown, sga_ec@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- € **Announcements from the Activity and Service Fee Committee Chair (Vacant, sga_asf@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- € **Announcements from the Scholarship Committee Chair (Vacant, sga_scholarship@ucf.edu)**
 - None

€ **Caucus Reports**

- **Arab Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgarabcaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
- **Asian/Pacific Islander American Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgapiacaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
- **Black Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgblackcaucus1@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
- **Disability Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgdisabilitycaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
- **Inter-Campus & Transfer Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgitccaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
- **Latin/Hispanic Caucus (Chair Vacant, sglatinxcaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
- **LGBTQ+ Caucus (Chair Vacant, sglgbtqcaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
- **Military & Veterans Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgmvcaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
- **Sustainability Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgsustaincaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
- **Women's Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgwxmenscaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None

€ **Announcements from the Senate President (Kirsten Courts, sga_sprkr@ucf.edu)**

- Good evening, Senate. Just a few things from me.
- We have a lot of confirmations spread over the next few weeks, so I am expecting all of you to come to the Senate meetings prepared so as to be respectful of everybody's time. There are questions that were already answered in E&A that I will not allow to be asked again, as you were supposed to read those minutes. Debate will also be limited to one minute per person, so if you are speaking in debate, please add something substantial. This is our second meeting of the semester, and we have so many new people. The confirmees' qualifications have nothing to do with whether you like them or not but have everything to do with what they can do for Student Government and the Student Body. Also, it is the Senate's job to ensure that the candidates are or are not qualified based on the initiatives and knowledge they bring to the table. Our job isn't, however, to try to prove that they aren't qualified.
- For Senate business, we will be strictly professional in terms of demeanor and speech. It is the most efficient way to get through everything in a timely manner. Older senators, you have the responsibility to set the example. The new senators are looking to you to get a sense of what they are supposed to be doing. Again, to my Online people, if your camera is on please maintain as much professionalism as you can. And please do have your cameras on if able!
- Abstentions are not shows of neutrality. Abstentions are used whenever there is a conflict of interest, or something like not having enough information to vote. They are a vote to not vote and as people who were elected to do just that, that is not acceptable to do simply because you don't care or don't want to make a decision. You were elected to vote on behalf of your peers and constituents.
- Me and Pro Tempore Hameed have had introductory meetings with the Student Body President and Vice President, as well as a meeting with the Comptroller so that we are prepared and to answer any initial questions we had regarding budget.
- On a lighter note, I am getting ready to order polos so that's exciting!
- I hereby appoint
 - ☐ Grace Rudie for ILA
 - ☐ Anna Reed for ELA
 - ☐ Anthony Bonaventure for Sergeant-at-Arms
- All to be confirmed by Senate next week.

€ **Internal Legislative Assistant Report (Vacant, sgaila@ucf.edu)**

- None

€ **External Legislative Assistant Report (Vacant, sgaela@ucf.edu)**

- None

€ **Senate President Pro Tempore Report (Jason Hameed, sga_pro@ucf.edu)**

- Hi everyone! I hope you're all doing great.
- First committee meetings are officially done. Congratulations on the new chairs. Next week you will be electing your vice chairs, I encourage everyone to apply. For all new Chairs, once your committee times are finalized, I will be setting up a time to meet with you one on one.
- Orientations and my office hours will also be set up once all committee times have been finalized.
- Make sure you complete your ethics and financial training. Send me a screenshot of your final scores when completed. You have until next week for the financial training and three more weeks for the ethics training.
- The Pro Tempores office is in charge of approving and remanding legislation onto the senate agenda. If you are submitting legislation to be remanded, please email it to me and if confirmed the DLEG.
- Memorandum regarding the rejection of Internal Bill 57-01
- I hereby appoint
 - ☐ Ryan Kaufman for DLEG
 - ☐ James Kapinos for DSR
- It's tradition that the Pro Temp does an outfit ranking at the end of every senate meeting. It's usually an alliteration so if you have any ideas let me know. Brodie gave me weird ideas so I'm hoping you guys have better ideas.

€ **Deputy Pro Tempore of Legislative Affairs Report (Vacant, sga_dleg@ucf.edu)**

- None
- ⌘ **Deputy Pro Tempore of Senate Relations Report (Vacant, sgadsr@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- ⌘ **Old Business**
 - None
- ⌘ **Fiscal Committee Caucus Time**
 - None
- ⌘ **Fiscal Committee Reports**
- ⌘ **CRT Committee (Chair Owen Sherman, sga_crt@ucf.edu)**
 - Hi Senate, CRT met for the first time on Tuesday, and I was elected chair. Our meetings over the summer will be hybrid on Tuesdays at 12 pm. In our next meeting we will hold vice chair elections, as well as see a few mock bills and allocations to prepare for seeing actual requests. I will be working on opening the request form as soon as possible.
- ⌘ **FAO Committee (Chair Niklas Luecht, sga_fao@ucf.edu)**
 - Hello everyone, thank you for electing me as chair! Next week we will elect the vice chair for the committee. I'll send out a Teams message that describes what the vice chair will be required to do. We will also go over some mock allocations/bills to get familiar with the process and begin creating our budget. Aiming to open our funding form soon. Our committee will meet hybrid on Thursdays at 12:00pm. If you are able to attend in-person, we'll be in the conference room.
- ⌘ **ORS Committee (Chair Samuel Rose, sgaors@ucf.edu)**
 - Thanks for re-electing me as ORS chair. Make sure to fill out the when2meet for our summer meeting time if you are on the committee.
- ⌘ **Fiscal Legislation**
- ⌘ **Notice of Legislation on First Reading**
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Special Acts
- ⌘ **Notice of Legislation on Third Reading**
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Special Acts
- ⌘ **Notice of Legislation on Second Reading**
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Special Acts
- ⌘ **Internal Committee Caucus Time**
 - E&A – 25 Min
 - ☐ Reconvenes at 7:06 PM
- ⌘ **Internal Committee Reports**
- ⌘ **E&A Committee (Chair Bobby Escobar, sga_ea@ucf.edu)**
 - In E&A this week, Senator Chau was elected Vice Chair. The committee also saw five confirmations.
 - ☐ Soraya Pearson – Chief of Staff confirmed 10-1-0;
 - ☐ Panayiota Laliotis – Deputy Chief of Staff confirmed 11-0-0;
 - ☐ James Drinkwater – Comptroller confirmed 6-3-4;
 - ☐ Andy Ayup – Director of Communications confirmed 5-3-4;
 - ☐ Allie Demarco – Governmental Affairs Coordinator 14-0-0;
 - ☐ Jorge Altuna – Attorney General rejected 5-5-1, according to Statutes 306.1 (H), the Senate can change the committee's action(s) by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
- ⌘ **GAP Committee (Chair Juan Varela, sgagap@ucf.edu)**
 - Hello Senate! I am so excited to say that I have been elected the new GAP chair to serve in the 57th session. Massive thank you to my fellow committee members for giving me this opportunity. As part of my proposal, I wanted to have GAP release a weekly "Newsletter" that details happening of local, state, and federal politics that is relevant to the university and the work we do in SG. The first iteration of this newsletter should be released next week during the GAP announcements. If you have any pieces of news that you feel if especially to include in this newsletter please do you hesitate to reach out.
- ⌘ **LJR Committee (Chair Zachary Gaudio, sga_ljr@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening, Senate! Last meeting, we elected myself as the Chair and set our new committee meeting time to Wednesdays at 5PM. Our meetings will be hybrid in the office conference room. Next meeting we will be electing our Vice Chair as well as creating our precedent document for absence excusals. A few reminders:
 - ☐ You may receive up to two unexcused absences from Senate meetings per semester.
 - ☐ You receive a full absence if you miss the entire meeting, and a half absence if you miss initial roll call, final roll call, or do not vote on 75% of the votes on the record.
 - ☐ If you want to have an absence or half absence excused, there is a form on KnightConnect called "Senator Absence Request Form" which you can fill out and LJR will see your absence.
 - ☐ If you have a recurring obligation that will consistently prevent you from attending either initial or final roll call, you may request a blanket excuse which remains in effect for the entire semester.
 - ☐ If you are unable to attend Senate meetings in their entirety for the rest of the semester, I urge you to pursue the sign-over process, which can be found in Chapter 307 of Title III.
 - ☐ If you're going to be absent from your committee meeting, just reach out to the Chair.
- ⌘ **SBA Committee (Chair Mila Teodorescu, sgasba@ucf.edu)**

- Hello Senate! SBA met this past Monday, and the committee elected me as Chair. Our committee meeting time will be on Mondays at 5:00pm. Next meeting we will be electing a Vice Chair.

☞ **Confirmations**

- [Materials](#)
- Soraya Pearson – Chief of Staff; **44-0-0 Confirmed**
- Panayiota Laliotis – Deputy Chief of Staff; **47-0-0 Confirmed**
- James Drinkwater – Comptroller; **44-3-1 Confirmed**
- Andy Ayup – Director of Communications; **45-2-0 Confirmed**
- Allie Demarco – Governmental Affairs Coordinator; **30-15-2 Confirmed**
- Zachary Gaudio – Grad Senator Seat #5; **Confirmed by GC**
- Deputy Pro Tempore for Legislative Affairs; **Postponed**
- Deputy Pro Tempore for Senate Relations; **Postponed**

☞ **Internal Legislation**

☞ **Notice of Legislation on First Reading**

- Constitutional Amendments
- Bills
- Resolutions
- Proclamations
 - [Proclamation 57-01](#) [Proclamation Recognizing May 22, 2025, as the International Day for Biological Diversity] [Senator Lipner] **Remanded to SBA**
 - [Proclamation 57-02](#) [Proclamation Recognizing June as Pride Month and June 12, 2025, as Orlando United Day] [Senator Lipner] **Remanded to SBA**
- Special Acts

☞ **Notice of Legislation on Third Reading**

- Constitutional Amendments
- Bills
- Resolutions
- Special Acts

☞ **Notice of Legislation on Second Reading**

- Constitutional Amendments
- Bills
- Resolutions
- Proclamations
- Special Acts

☞ **Senate Forum**

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☞ **Senate Deliberation**

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☞ **Advisor's Report**

- Brodie:
 - Congratulations to our new Committee Chairs and everyone moving into their new leadership roles, I must say being Vice Chair is a good step into a leadership role and that everyone in Senate is qualified to be one. If you're interested, run for it! If you guys need anything, I'm in the office or you can shoot me a message, there will be more to come! Also, you should all be in the KnightConnect but you do have to accept the invitation. Sometimes KnightConnect doesn't do what you want it to do so if you're having trouble and it says there's no invitation, send me a message and I'll add you on the back end.
- Medhavi:
 - I am working on the voting records; you can find them under that folder in the Senate files.

☞ **Miscellaneous Business**

- Resignations
 - LJR
 - ☞ Haleema Al-Qudah
 - ☞ Sahasra Satvika
 - SBA
 - ☞ Jordan Metellus
 - E&A
 - ☞ Julia Zivin
- Appointments
 - E&A
 - ☞ Daisy Trejo Hernandez
 - LJR
 - ☞ Samuel Jolicoeur
- More Resignations
 - CRT
 - ☞ Nathan Rickett
 - GAP
 - ☞ Angelique Leon
- More Appointments

☐ GAP

 Nathan Rickett

○ Hameed's Super Swell Senate Apparel Ranking (6.7/10)

☐ 1st - Chau

☐ 2nd - Varela

☐ 3rd - Roehrkasse

☐ Honorable Mention - Reed

≠ **Final Roll Call**

○ 50/58

≠ **Adjournment**

○ 8:56 pm